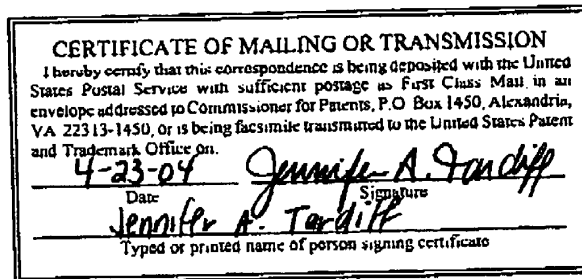


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This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2003 in the above-identified application.

An extension of time for filing an Appeal Brief for the Appeal filed February 4, 2004, is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this amendment. The Appeal Brief will be due on May 4, 2004.

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Applicant thanks Examiner Vu for a helpful telephone interview with the undersigned in which the invention, claims and the attached sketches were discussed. The following remarks had been presented prior to the interview. Examiner Vu indicated that the following amendments incorporating the subject matter of claim 3 into the independent claims would overcome the outstanding rejections.

Please amend the application as follows: